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DRYLAND FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Central schemes being implemented at present for dryland farming in the country, State-wise;

(b) the existing provisions for allocation of funds for the said schemes and the funds allocated for the said schemes during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has made any assessment of the said schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The watershed programmes / schemes are being implemented by Government of India for development of degraded and rainfed areas including drylands. Following schemes are implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Rural Development:

Ministry of Agriculture

(i) National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA)
(ii) Soil Conservation in the catchments of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone River (RVP & FPR)
(iii) Watershed Development project in shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA)

Ministry of Rural Development

(iv) Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP)
(v) Desert Development Programme (DDP)
(vi) Integrated Waste Land Development Programme (IWDP)

(b): A statement showing the state-wise release / expenditure incurred during the last three years (2004-05 to 2006-07) is given at Annexure − I.

(c)&(d): These schemes have been assessed by different independent agencies through evaluation studies. The salient findings of evaluation studies are given at Annexure − II.